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In 1990, a film documentary was done on the bakery for the Public Broadcasting Service. The PBS documentary was nominated for an Emmy Award for best documentary, finishing in second place. Many celebrities have relaxed in the dusty diner with dingy windows and neon lights. Celebrities such as actors Mike Farrell (from *M*A*S*H*) and Robert Bedford, California State Senator, Tom Hayden; Rock 'n' Roll legend, Sam Moore of Sam & Dave; Apollo 11 astronaut, Buzz Aldrin; and former California Governor and current Oakland Mayor, Jerry Brown, have all spent time in its timeless booths and on its counter stools. Sherrill's has also been the subject of several in-depth news articles and profiles, most notably in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Washington Times, and Roll Call.

Please join me honoring Sherrill's Bakery for their wonderful food and presence here on Capitol Hill.

HONORING MRS. ESTER GEDDIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Ester Geddis, an educator, entrepreneur, wife, parent, and a pillar of her community. I honor her today because she has devoted her life to serving the needs of others.

Mrs. Geddis was born the tenth of eleven children to Enoch and Geneva Pringle in South Carolina. Upon the completion of her formal education in Charleston, SC, Ester married her husband, James Geddis, in 1959. That union has given her two daughters, Ava Gaillard and Felisa Geddis-Hawkins, adopted son Antonio L. Litmon, granddaughters Heaven and Joy Hawkins, and son-in-law Jerome Gaillard.

Mrs. Geddis attended Brooklyn College in the midst of marriage and motherhood, where she received her bachelor of science degree in education in 1977. Upon completion of her education, Mrs. Geddis began her career in education in 1978 as a classroom teacher in the Children and Youth Department at Kingsborough Psychiatric Center. She was then promoted to the position of educational supervisor in 1986. Mrs. Geddis went on to serve as educational supervisor at Brooklyn Children's Center, and then as supervisor for the Department of Aging's Foster Grandparent program, where she has remained until her retirement.

Mrs. Geddis has been actively involved in the Lions Club for over 20 years. She has been a member in the East New York Lions Club, East Brooklyn Lions Club, and she is currently active in the Central Brooklyn Lions Club. She also has always been a member of the Riverside Club. She has also been an active member of the First Baptist Church of Crown Heights for 25 years.

Mrs. Geddis' hard work had not gone unnoticed. She was listed in "Who's Who In America—1980," and "Who's Who In The World—

1990." The Concerned Women of Brooklyn recognized her with an award for her dedicated service, and the Riverside Club presented her with their Achievement Award for Outstanding Achievement in Business and Profession.

Because she knows what hard work and dedication can do, Mrs. Geddis founded E & E Catering in 1980, along with her partner Ermine Myers. In addition to catering many events for me, through E & E Catering, Mrs. Geddis has had the opportunity to nourish many distinguished persons, including President Nelson Mandela, Mayor David Dinkins, Reverend Herbert Daughtry, and numerous others as well as civic, private, and community organizations.

Mrs. Geddis has traveled to Africa and many other continents. However, it was in Africa where she gained many friends and met many people whom she helped and sponsored over the years. It can truly be said that all of the many people who have been in the company of Mrs. Ester Geddis have truly been blessed and inspired by her undying spirit and love.

Mrs. Ester Geddis is more than worthy of receiving this honor, and Mr. Speaker, I hope that all of my colleagues will join me today in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

IN MEMORY OF HOLLIS M. KETCHUM

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of an outstanding Missourian, Hollis Ketchum of Jefferson City. He was 81.

Hollis Ketchum was born July 4, 1918, in Downing, MO, a son of Ellis and Melvina Donaldson Ketchum. He graduated from Downing High School and Kirksville State Teachers College. As an Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Ketchum received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Clusters. He entered the Army Reserve and then transferred to the Missouri National Guard. He retired at the rank of colonel after 34 years of military service.

Prior to entering the service, Mr. Ketchum taught school in Schuyler County for 4 years. Upon his return from the war, he was employed at the Division of Liquor Control for 19 years, serving as the director for 12 years. After that, he was employed by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States for 18 years and acted as director of field activities for the last 10 years.

Mr. Ketchum was an active member of his community. He belonged to the First Baptist Church, Jefferson Lodge 43, Capital Shrine Club and the Moolah Temple in St. Louis. Additionally, he was a member and past president of the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, the Missouri State Skeet Association, Capital City Square Dancers Association, and the United Sportsman Club.

I know the members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his

family: his wife, Bobbie Nail; his daughter, Jackie Soltys; his son, Randy Ketchum; his stepson, Dr. Roger Nail; his stepdaughter, Patricia Stokes; his brother, two grandchildren and five step grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. PHIL AND CHARLOTTE PETERSON

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a great privilege to pay tribute to Phil and Charlotte Peterson, who will be feted by hordes of friends and admirers this Sunday, March 26, 2000, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at historic Miami Shores Country Club. If there was ever a dynamic duo that genuinely enhances the good name and stellar reputation of a particular community, then Phil and Charlotte would admirably fit that billing.

Phil Sheridan Peterson, Jr. was born in Sturgeon Bay, WI and comes from a very distinguished lineage. Named after his grandfather, the legendary General Philip Sheridan, Phil faithfully upholds to this very day the tradition of duty to country and honor to God that buttressed the much-heralded exploits of his granddad. Growing up during the Depression era and losing his mother at the tender age of three, Phil had to quickly become the steady hand and exemplar to three other younger siblings, a sister and two brothers.

His wife Charlotte, on the other hand, was delicately schooled in the appreciation of music and the arts. As fate would have it, she met Phil when she was barely 12 years old, while picking cherries to contribute to her family's sustenance at a Wisconsin orchard managed by him. It was indeed love at first sight, and as she is wont to say: " * * * from that day on, I've been working for him ever since."

As World War II unleashed its fury, young Phil, then a fresh high school graduate, unhesitatingly responded to his country's call to duty and joined the U.S. Navy. His tour of service sent him to the Baltic Sea where he soon braved numerous air raids, sea battles and killer storms that wrecked havoc on his fleet ships, tragically claiming the lives of some 1,200 brave Americans. Having survived the war's harrowing ordeals, Phil Peterson returned home a much-decorated hero and thereby earned his rightful niche in the annals of the greatest generation of Americans who ever lived.

Upon his discharge from the U.S. Navy, Phil went back to school to finish his education at the University of Wisconsin where he became an extraordinary feature on the school's football and wrestling team. During this time Charlotte was also at the end of getting her college degree. Upon graduation from college, Phil and Charlotte got married on December 27, 1947. Through this union they were blessed with five wonderful children, who are now themselves successful and productive adult members of society.

While they managed to get back and tend to the family Peterson orchard farm in Wisconsin, their adventurous spirit soon propelled their relocation in Florida's Key West, finally settling